A certain man newly come fiom Calais reported! the pkce to be much fortified, a \\all of earth and faggots made outside the ditch to the height of fifteen feet, but the old wall allowed to decaj There are 12,000 soldiers of all nations in twehe companies, but scarcity of victuals and manners The soldiers having only received a third of a month's pay since October are like to mutiny

i.ith June SIR*THOMA.S BA.SRERWLLE DEA.D

Sir Thomas Baskerville is dead in France He lay sick not past fh e or sis days and died ra\ ing , a man that loved not many to show them any extraordinary kindness, and is much taxed for covetousness ; he is said to have detained a groat a week from every soldier upon pretence to have money to relieve them when they were sick

Our troops are now before Amiens which the King be-siegeth and in as great a lack of treasure as ever, some captains being five weeks unpaid, all four The King hearing of their •wants hath lent the companies now m the field 2,000 crowns and makes show to esteem better of them than at any time since their coming

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There is now great talk of these preparations for a sea voyage but it is not known where or how it shall be employed The common sort talk of Calais, others of the Isles of the Azores, others that it is to set upon the King of Spain's navy where-soever they can find it, or to meet with the Indian fleet The whole number consists of fifteen of the Queen's ships, besides the two Spanish ships taken last year and now new fashioned after the English manner, twenty- two men-of-war of Holland, and twenty-four fly boats and hoys that serve for

carriage of men and victuals They have with them 4,000 pressed men, and I_s2oo musketeers that come with Sir Francis Vere out of the Low Countries The Earl of Essex is General both at sea and land, the Lord Thomas Howard Vice- Admiral and Sir Walter Ralegh Rear-Admiral The Earl of Southampton, the Lord Mountjoy, and the Lord Rich go as adventurers , other noble- men pretend to go but it is thought they shall not get leave